

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A coating composition for making a protein microarray, the composition comprising a gelling agent or a precursor to a gelling agent and microspheres containing a dye for coloring microspheres cyan with colorant materials that have the property of very low fluorescence intensity such that the resultant colored microspheres do not substantially fluoresce when excited by visible light.--